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Bible Thought for Today

W. C. RENPROW DEAD.

W. C. Renfraw, who died at Hentanville, Ark. Tuesday, was the plitted governor of Oklahoma territory, receiving his appointment from Prestdent throver Cleveland when that great Amerhan statesman went to the white house for his second term. Rentrow succeeded A. J. Seny. whose commission was signed by President

A peculiar feature of Oklahoma political history is found in the fact that none of the men who served the territory as governor ever figured prominently in the later positical history of the state, although several of them continued to be identified with its social and bust ness life.

Renfrow, when he assumed the administration of Okishoma's affairs, found little more than a skeleton of government scattered over a desert waste, greaning under the direst want and poverty. At that time it was a debatable question whether or not the area could ever be converted into a prosperous, self-supporting

The cattle barons were still contending with the homeseekers who had come into the territory at the opening some years previous for use of the land, while poor crop seasons and a lack of funds had laid such hard hands upon many of them that they were compelled to dispose of their holdings for whatever they would bring and return to relatives and friends further east.

At the time of his death, Renfrow was still a citizen of Oklahoma, which in the interim had become one of the wealthlest and proudest of the American commonwealths. He had seen the desert blossom as the rose. He had witnessed thousands of the sorely pressed homessekers of that other day develop into men of independent wealth, attain prominence in their own locality and some of them write their names high upon the republic's scroll of

In this sense Renfrow lived an epoch and was himself an important factor in the history of that epoch. Never again will the history of Oklahoma be repeated on land consecrated by the stars and stripes. Oklahoma was the last of the old frontier. Legends of the days familiar to Renfrow and others will be handed down to posterity and will enrich the literature of America, but posterity will not have the inestimable privilege of participating in the actual carving out of an empire as did Renfrew and those of his day and generation.

CITY MANAGER GOVERNMENT.

The department of commerce, Washington, has just bested a builetin on the cost of city government in Muskogee where the city manager form has been in force for some time, which is decidedly interesting because of the light it sheds on a subject that is becoming more and more a matter of controversy. Just recently Tuba has been considering more or less seriously the city manager form of government, the proponents of that scheme claiming the most startling virtues for it, therefore it will be of decided value to consider carefully one aspect of this form of government, its cost -its comparative cost with other forms-as presented by the federal agency.

The aforementioned bulletin says:

The costs of government for the city of Muskogee, for the fiscal year ending June 20, 1921, amounted to \$1.321.819, which was a per capita cost of \$40.23. In 1918 the per capita cost was \$1.211, and in 1915, \$20.05, the totals for them years being \$554.050 and \$572.834, respectively The per capita costs for 1921 consisted of expenses of general departments, \$25.61; expenses of public service enterprises, \$3.63; payments for interest, \$6.95, and for outlays, \$3.04.

It should be borne in mind that in 1918 and 1915, the years with which 1921 are compared, Muskogee had the commission form of government. Therefore the comparison is between the managerial form of government and the commission form of government. And the result is a rather convincing refutation of the oftreperted assertion that the managerial form of rernment is more economical than other

As a matter of record, based on reports of a number of municipalities which have adopted the managerial form, there was never sufficient grounds for this claim of economy, because the report of the national commission on the managerial form shows that with a very few exceptions the managerial form has resulted in an increased cost, the claim being that the effectiveness of the government made the increased cost worth while;

In Muskogee, however, it seems that the increase in cost of the managerial form was almost double the cost of commission government in 1918, and more than double the cost of 1915. Two questions obtrude themselves at this point: Has the managerial form actually increased

the efficiency of municipal government in Muslarger to that extent, and if so is it fair to aswort that the commission form would not have shown equally good results had the commission been allowed to spend twice as much

money as it actually did spend? Buth these questions are very relevant and material. Because one architect constructs a house for \$20,000 that is admittedly superior to the house another architect constructs for \$10,000 there is no fair ground afforded for the onclusion that the firm architect is a superior cuftaman or that the second is his inferior in anything

that the reners on Muskowes contains items of significent value in other respects. For instance, the analysis shows that of the total revenue received. the city public service enter prises (they are not (rendzed) supplied 16.8 per cent in 1921, 16.9 per cent for 1918 and 16.5 per cent for 1915, showing that the actual Income from said public service enterprises during the year of managerial government was less than during the next closest year of commission government and only a shade better than for the year 1915, five years earlier; a fact that seems to severely dispute the assertion that managerial government is more efficient than commission government. Because, in Oklahome at least, cities are constantly growing and that fact alone night to show a substantial increase each year in the receipts from jubile

The report on municipal indebtedness is equally favorable to the commission form, the funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets being given as \$100,32 per capita for the year of managerial government (1921), \$76.34 for 1918, and \$84.65 for 1915. However, there is ample room for a satisfactory explanation of this apparent disadvantage to the managerial

In view of this painstaking survey of Muskogee the conclusion is inevitable that the city manager form of government has falled to justify the favorable claims made for it.

THE WILSON FOUNDATION.

It is not the purpose of The World to discuss either the wisdom or the unwisdom of the movement to create a Woodrow Wilson foundation. The thing we observe with some substantial interest is that a Wilson foundation was organized, that it set about collecting a vast sum of money for perpetuating the name and fame of Wilson, and that in obedience to the expressed will of its founders, the various sections of the republic were assessed certain sums to raise for the fund.

These obligations were followed by acceptances which should be considered absolutely legitimate and honor debts. Oklahoma accept. ed these obligations in principle, yet the returns show, after several weeks of earnest offort, that they have not been redeemed. Tulsa, with acceptances out amounting to \$4,000, shows for less than half the amount-far less; Muskogee county, whose acceptance we may not state, reports \$164.50.

The World asserts that such a showing is little short of disgraceful. It is a distinct discredit to everyone. We are particularly interested in Tulsa county. Whatever the result may be the campaign to thus commemorate Wilson is nonpartisan in its appeal. And it is a fact that Woodrow Wilson, in those respects that he did meet favor, met favor without regard to partisan organization. With all of this we are

has given liberally to every appeal. It has gone wild over aid for foreign matters with which it had no knowledge and very, very little proper concern. It has lavished its wealth on those things. Here is the case of a genuine American-one of our own-and every atom of pride should impel all and sundry to redeem instantly the acceptance that is out in the name of

The assessment made against Tulsa county for the Woodrow Wilson foundation should be redeemed without further hesitation. And Oklaas a whole. Let it never be said that Oklahoma, or any part of it-particularly Tules county-weished and wavered on a matter of this kind.

And now Big Tim Murphy is charged with having in his possession a fortune in stolen Liberty bonds. Tim is already under heavy sentence for having participated in a mail robbery. It begins to look as though Tim was going to be taken out of Chicago politics for quite a period.

Aguinaldo did not decide on another "career" until Fred Funston's death. Give the Fillpine credit for having that much judgment,

Just Folks

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THE DREAMER. THE DREAMER.
The road lay straight before him, but the by-paths smiled at him
And the scarlet popples called him to the forests cool and dim.
And the song birds happy chorus seemed to lure him further on.
Twas a day of wondraus pleasure—but the day was quickly gone.

He could not resist the laughter and the puring of a brook

Any more than gray old sages can resist some dusty book,

And though steen-faced duty bade him march the highway straight ahead.

"The trees are better company than busy men," he said.

We wondered at his dreaming and his wanderings far astray.
But we were counting values by the gold and
silver way.
And sometimes as I saw him gazing idly at

the sky, I fancied he had pleasures of a sort I couldn't

I fancy he saw something in the clouds above the trees.
Which the gold and glory seeker passes by and never sees.
And I think he gathered something from the woods and running streams.

Which is just as good as money to the man of many dreams.

Oklahoma Outbursts

If we ever decids to become a banker we should like to nick our a town like Morris. The peoply of that town have a heart for a banker even if he does use the bank funds for personal

nounced that he would support for governor the choice of the farmers' union, he probably knew who would be the choice of that organization.

One of the hardest things to this life for a man to do is to justice a friend over to his of-fice for a dring when he only has one left.

est after the packers had voted to continue their strike they called it off. Probably they only wanted to show by their vide that they could continue to strike if they wanted to.

The girl on South Main says if a smile is all that is necessary she ought to be able to land on the screen. She claims to have a smile that can be cameraized easily.

The appointment of Senator Kenyon to the United States circuit court bench seems to remove one mankeywrench from the senatorial

Touchstones of Success

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Lawyer.

Abraham Lincoln once said that God must have leved the common people for he made so many of them. It certainly is true that the middle class in any country is the mainstay of that country, provided they are developed along right lines. Any person who is born and rearred in that class has no just grounds for complaint. The road to eminence is open to him if he cares to find and pursue it.

We all desire success in whatever we undertake, but the first question to be determined in the toinds of forward looking young men is. "What is success?" Too many young people fall to ask themselves and determine for themselves. What is success?" Too many young people fail

to ask themselves and determine for themselves this important question, one who has developed a good character has succeeded though his name is not known beyond the limits of his own town. The next question to be settled is, "How are we to develop good character?"

A young person must acquire high ideals through communion with his God, and then he must develop courage to live up to those ideals. None has succeeded in a strict sense who has not done something towards bringing in the Kingdom of Heaven. If Christ's ideal could be realized we would all be civilized. Our lack of success in life is measured by our ability to live up to the level of our best thoughts. Our lives are two often out of sight of our prayers.

Barometer of Public Opinion

doing.

Again I congratulate you upon your stand for the freedom of the individual citizen when his freedom does not interferse with the vested rights of other citizens of their common country. I do not belong to it or any other party only so far as right and hattee demands. I expect to your for the pricipies advocated in your editorials regardless of what party opposes them have accomplished all that hoped but the nations took a cipies.

Hespectfully, Arendale, Okla., Jan. 23. JOHN M'LOUD.

JUST BEFORE YOU START ON YOUR VACATION







The young lady across the way says the arms conference may not have accomplished all that was the hoped but the nations took a long if there's anything worse'n a long will haired woman.

I wasent allowed to go out this aftirnoon on account of having a bad cold getting worse, and Mrs. Hewe came to see ma, leaving her automobel out frunt, and they started to tawk about bringing up children, Mrs. Hews maying Appeel to their reason, thats my motto that I go by reason, thats my motto that I go by, appeal to their reason, I allways say. Absilootly, sed ma thats the very prinsiple I invariably use with Benny, whenever I tell him to do something I ixplain to him jest wy, and I never tell him to do enything unless he sees its for his own good.

Quits rite, ixactly, sed Mrs. Hews, and ma sed, Absilootly, And prity soon Mrs. Hews went and I sed to ma, Hay ma, can I go out now?

The Horoscope

The stare incline but do not compet."

Friday, February 3, 1922.

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This is a doubtful day, according
to astrology, for while Jupiter and
Urranus are strongly adverse in the
morning Mercury is in benefic aspect

orable planetary rule prevails the aspects are good for advertish

ing. There is a sign indicating crue

criticism for men in high place and even the president may find his policies hitterly attacked.

Lawsuits as a under a particularly unfortunate direction of the planers today, when Uranus is believed a warp the judgment and to encourage injustice.

Love affairs are subject to a sing-

ter power that is held to encourage deception, fickleness and all unhap-

piness.
The sway stimulates men to wee-

The sway stimulates men to was-in that are not sincere, if the stars are read aright.

The evening should be most fa-vorable for all ranks of newspaper men and women, who are to benefit from the growing demand for pub-licity.

Increased interest in books and reading is again prognosticated and there will be great success for new American writers.

The evening of this day should be fortunate for those who sign lease or contracts of any sort

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Agriculture is subject to a sign promising good crops and favorable market conditions.

Uranus in the fourth house is held

responsible for much rain and had weather in many parts of the

United States.
Railway stocks at this time come under rather a sinister influence.
Revolutionary troubles again are threatened for China, where Uranus

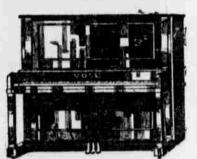
threatened for China, where Crasus is on the meridian.

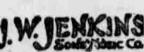
Persons whose birthdate it is should avoid speculation in the coming year, but if they attend to business they will prosper greatly.

Children born on this day acceptable to be exceedingly bright at the state of the company of the comp

Benny's Notebook

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